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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 6, WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, A. Vardin, Kobe 30th December, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

January 6, BENARTY, British steamer, Le Boutillier, London 7th November, and Singapore 2nd January, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

January 6, YANGTSZE, British str., 814, Starling, Whampoa 6th January, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

January 6, LYDIA, German str., 1,179, G. Petersen, Kobe 30th December, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

January 6, TRITOS, German str., 1,142, Bleicken, Bangkok 26th December, Rice.—ED. SCHELLHASS & Co.

January 6, PRINCIPIA, British steamer, 1,790, J. W. Massam, London 9th November, and Singapore 27th December, General.—ORDER.

January 6, CAROLA, German corv., Aschmann, Matupi 21st December.

January 6, BISMARCK, German corvette, Lee Kunn, Matupi 21st December.

January 6, SOPHIE, German corvette, Cornins, Matupi 21st December.

January 6, FORMOSA, British steamer, 687, P. Hall, Tamsui 2nd January, Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 5th, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

January 6, INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, Hasenwinckel, Foochow 4th January, Ballast.—WIELER & Co.

January 6, ZAMBESI, British steamer, 2,455, E. Crow, Bombay, via Singapore, 16th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

January 6, MANUEL, Spanish ba[rque], 992, R. Estival, Manila 27th December, Timber.—REMEDIOS & Co.

January 6, MONGKUT, British steamer, 858, G. Anderson, Bangkok 28th December, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

January 6, GLENAVON, British steamer, 2,985, A. J. Jacobs, London and Singapore 29th December, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

January 6, VISAYAS, Spanish steamer, 406, Juan de Ajubita, Manila 3rd January, Hemp.—CHINESE.

January 6, CLARA, German steamer, 674, Christensen, Haiphong 4th January, General.—A. R. MARTY.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

6TH JANUARY.

Canton, British str., for Shanghai.
Cyclops, British str., for Singapore.
P. C. C. Kiao, British str., for Hoihow.
China, German str., for Saigon.
Norway, Nor. bark, for Cebu.
Mogul, British str., for Kobe.
Principia, British str., for Yokohama.
Velocity, British bark, for Honolulu.

DEPARTURES.

January 6, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
January 6, WYVERN, British str., for Saigon.
January 6, TEHERAN, British str., for Yokohama.
January 6, CARISBROOKE, British steamer, for Saigon.
January 6, CHELYDRA, British steamer, for Bangkok.
January 6, MERIONETHSHIRE, British str., for Yokohama.
January 6, TARTAR, British str., for Australia.
January 6, CANTON, British str., for Shanghai.
January 6, CYCLOPS, British str., for London.
January 6, MOGUL, British str., for Kobe.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Principia*, str., from London, &c.—Mr. J. W. Kelly.

Per *Bismarck*, corv., from Matupi.—Commodore Heusner.

Per *Clara*, str., from Haiphong.—1 European and 16 Chinese.

Per *Glenavon*, str., from London, &c.—For Hongkong.—Miss Lyall, and 74 Chinese from Singapore. For Shanghai.—Mrs. King and child. For Yokohama.—Mr. Hooper.

Per *Mongkut*, str., from Bangkok.—Mr. James, and 99 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The Spanish bark *Manuel*, from Manila 27th December, reports had fine weather with strong N.E. wind.

The British steamer *Glenavon*, from London and Singapore 29th December, reports had strong N.NE. winds with high sea.

The German steamer *Lydia*, from Kobe 30th December, reports first part strong from N.W., latter part fine weather and light variable winds.

The British steamer *Benarty*, from London 7th November, and Singapore 2nd January, reports had strong winds from the N.E. and very heavy sea.

The German steamer *Tritos*, from Bangkok 26th December, reports had fine weather through the Gulf until Pulo Condore; thence to port strong N.E monsoon and high sea.

The British steamer *Woosung*, from Kobe 30th December, reports had heavy N.W. gale and terrific squalls until 1st January; thence to port moderate to light N.W. and N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Mongkut*, from Bangkok 28th December, had light easterly winds and fine weather to Pulo Condore; from thence to lat. 18 N., had strong N.E. gales and high sea; thence to port moderate N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Formosa*, from Tamsui 2nd January, Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 5th, reports from Tamsui to Amoy had strong N.E. winds and fine, clear weather. From Amoy to Swatow had moderate winds and fine, clear weather. From Swatow to port moderate N.E. breeze and fine, clear weather. In Swatow strs. *Fuyo*, *Leeung*, and *Fidelio*.

VESSELS ARRIVED HOME FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, & MANILA.

(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Palamed (s.)	Shanghai, &c.	Nov. 11
Neckar (s.)	Shanghai, &c.	Nov. 11
Cardiganshire (s.)	Shanghai, &c.	Nov. 13
Benalder (s.)	Yokohama, &c.	Nov. 14
Hydra	Hongkong	Nov. 14

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG

(Corrected to Date.)

Plinio	Cardiff	Aug. 12
Mabel Taylor	Penarth	Aug. 16
B. P. Cheney	New York	Aug. 17
Titan	New York	Aug. 28
Santa	Cardiff	Aug. 31
Hectanooga	Cardiff	Sept. 21
Eme	London	Oct. 5
Teviot (s.)	Bordeaux	Oct. 25
Gustav Oscar	Cardiff	Oct. 27
E. J. Spence	San Francisco	Oct. 31
Auguste	Penarth	Nov. 7

INTIMATIONS.

PAID-UP POLICIES.—Premiums may be limited to 10, 15 or 20 years from the commencement, and after the Policy has been in force for three years, each year's payment of premium secures a proportionate part of the sum assured as a Paid-up Policy in the event of the Life Assured wishing to cease payments. This Rule applies also to Endowment Assurances.

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OF

ALL KINDS.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1887. [28

W. BREWER HAS JUST RECEIVED

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A quantity of New Dance Music and Songs.
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The New Viaduct Watch, excellent timekeeper, $4.50.
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WALTER W. BREWER,
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The Imperial English and Chinese Diary.
The Imperial English & Chinese Date Block.
The A1 Telegraph Code [illegible] the A. B. C. Code.
Text Book of Musketry Instruction.
Harper's Christmas Annual.
Illustrated London Almanack.
Friend Macdonald, by Max O'Rell, 40 cents.
Art Annual 1888—(Meissonier's Pictures).
Katharine Regina, by Walter Besant, 40 cts.
London Society Christmas Number.
Belgravia Annual.
The Lovely Wang, by Hon. Lewis Wingfield.
New Designs in Ball Programmes & Menus.
New Season's Playing Cards.
Sweet Caporal Cigarettes.
Kinney's Straight Cut Cigarettes.
Birchmore's Boards for Oil Painting.
Callard and Bowser's Celebrated Butter Scotch, Everton Toffee, Almond Rock, Russian Toffee and other Sweetmeats—all freshly imported.
Rimmel's Best Perfumes.
Roger's Pocket-Knives.
A Large Stock of English-made Account Books in all sizes and Bindings, and a variety of Rulings ready for immediate use.
Special Account Books made to order on the premises in the best style of workmanship.

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Hongkong, 12th October, 1887. [1972

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RETIRING ROOMS FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

SEVERAL COMFORTABLE BEDROOMS.

TELEPHONE No. 29.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1888. [76

NOTICE.

GEO. SMITH,

WINE MERCHANT, SHANGHAI.

AGENTS,
NORTON & Co.,
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1887. [35

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. STAINFIELD, 55, Queen's Road East, has PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE for Single Men or Married Couples, at reasonable rates.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1887. [36

BANKS.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... $7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND ..... 3,900,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS . 7,500,000.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum.
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1887. [9

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than $1, or more than $250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than $2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having $100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1887. [10

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000.
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

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Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
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On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the BALANCES of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of the NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1887. [11

INTIMATIONS.

NOW READY.

ANGLO-CHINESE CALENDAR, 1888, FOR THE DESK, IN RED AND BLACK.

IN RED IMITATION MOROCCO CASE.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

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Ask Chemists for Rowlands' Articles, of 20, Hatton Garden, London.

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Wholesale and retail Agents for Hongkong.
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Manufacturers of all Classes of CUTLERY, TABLE, POCKET and PENKNIVES, SCISSORS, RAZORS, ELECTRO-PLATED GOODS, &c., &c.

The best and cheapest house in the trade!

All orders accompanied with references in England or Bankers' Drafts will be promptly executed. [1797

PHOTOGRAPHY.

H. UYENO, JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHER, well known in Nagasaki, will OPEN a STUDIO, on THURSDAY, the 1st December, 1887.

TOP OF ICE HOUSE,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1887. [2291

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID, CORSAR & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1867. [23

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE Have authorised MR. GUSTAV DEGENER BONING to SIGN our FIRM by procuration from this date, in Hongkong and China.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1887. [68

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day CLOSED our BUSINESS in Hongkong.

MR. M. D. EZEKIEL will SETTLE the outstanding Accounts.

ABRAHAM EZEKIEL & Co.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1887. [70

NOTICE.

AS the undersigned is leaving for India, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMAND upon or against him are required to send in same for settlement on or before 21st instant.

All Parties indebted to the undersigned are also hereby requested to make immediate payment.

SHEIKHALLY FAZULALLY.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1888. [71

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been admitted a PARTNER in our FIRM.

CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1888. [66

NOTICE.

WE Have THIS DAY admitted MR. MARCUS DAVID EZEKIEL a PARTNER in our FIRM in Hongkong & China.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1888. [67

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of MR. ARTHUR ROBERT DONNELLY in our FIRM CEASED on 31st December, 1887.

CORNABÉ & Co.

Chefoo, 2nd January, 1888. [69

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY in our FIRM of MR. MAX GROTE CEASES by mutual agreement on this date.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, Shanghai, } 31st December, 1887. [64

NOTICE.

MR. FRIEDRICH SEIP and MR. BERNHARD BUSCHMANN have This Day been admitted PARTNERS in our FIRM.

EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.

Hongkong, China, and Hamburg,
1st January, 1888. [65

INTIMATIONS.

KRACHTENS beschikking der Nederlandsche Consulaire Rechtbank voor Hiogo-Osaka van 18 November 1887 wordt hiermede opgeroepen, HENRI JOHAN HUBENET, laatst gedomicilieerd te Hiogo doch nu afwezend, om te verschijnen voor bovengenoemde Rechtbank op den 24sten February 1888.

Nederlandsche Consulaire Rechtbank,
CHS. BRAESS,
Voorzitter.

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE EINTRAGUNGEN in das Handels-Register sowie anderweitige Bekanntmachungen des KAISERLICHEN KONSULATES werden im Fahre 1888 durch die Zeitung *The Hongkong Daily Press* veröffentlicht werden.

Canton, den 28sten. December, 1887.

Der Kaiserlich Deutsche Konsul a.i.
(Siegel) BUDLER.

J. No. 1072. [2548

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS can at the present time of the year engage Berths through to EUROPE VIA BOMBAY WITHOUT CHANGE OF STEAMER OR INCREASE OF FARE.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1887. [2354

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Foremen should be at hand, orders for repairs if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1885. [31

A FONG, PHOTOGRAPHER Has just added to his COLLECTION of VIEWS some NEW SCENES and Photos. of NATIVE TYPES, copies of which are obtainable in his Studio or at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.

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STUDIO—ICE HOUSE LANE. [38

PUBLICATION

Of an Original Story by

WALTER BESANT.

WE are gratified at being able to announce to our Readers that, by special arrangement with the Author, the New Story upon which WALTER BESANT is now engaged, has been secured for Original Publication in the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."

The title of the Story is

HERR PAULUS:

HIS RISE, HIS GREATNESS, AND HIS FALL,

BY

WALTER BESANT,

Author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," &c., &c.

THE OPENING INSTALMENT appeared in the issue of SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15TH) of the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS and will be continued EVERY SATURDAY, until completed.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1888. [2525

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "HECTOR," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 4th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 11th instant, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1888. [2520

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "ABYSSINIA,"

FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, AND KOBE.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1888. [8

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "NECKAR"

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M., TO-DAY, the 1st instant.

[No Claims will be admitted after the Goods] have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M.

All claims must reach us before the 14th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1888. [7

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENCOE."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 5th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [94

"GELLATLY'S" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MOGUL,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 11th instant, will be subject to rent at the rate of One cent per package per day.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [2528

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"BELLONA."

Captain Haesloop, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY, the 5th instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Pier and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [91

IF you want JAPANESE GOODS at Reasonable Prices

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INTIMATIONS.

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THE SECOND PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON will take place on TUESDAY, the 10th January, 1888, at 9 P.M., when will be produced SHERIDAN'S COMEDY "THE RIVALS."

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after MONDAY, the 9th January, 1888, at 9 A.M.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1888. [82

JUBILEE CHAPTER,

CANTON.

THE JUBILEE CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONS, Canton, will be consecrated TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 7th inst. VISITING COMPANIONS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Canton, 2nd January, 1888. [75

WANTED—In the HARBOUR DEPARTMENT, AN ASSISTANT LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER. Salary, $40 a month.

Application, with Testimonials, to be made to the Harbour Master.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [89

RAFFLES HOTEL,

2, BEACH ROAD, SINGAPORE.

MESSRS. SARKIES BROTHERS have the honour to inform their friends and Patrons that they have OPENED the above HOTEL on the 1st of December.

The Situation is one of the Best and Healthiest in the Town, facing the sea, and within a few minutes' walk of the Public Offices and the Square.

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PLANS and ESTIMATES prepared for LIGHT DRAFT STEAMERS, STEAM LAUNCHES, MARINE ENGINES and BOILERS, and all other kinds of [illegible].

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [86

THE BRITISH BARQUE "NARDOO."

THE Undersigned being about to purchase the BRITISH BARQUE "NARDOO," the Transfer whereof will be effected within one month from this date, hereby request all Persons having Claims against the said Vessel to send particulars of such Claims to the undersigned on or before the 31st January, 1888.

PEN KEE,
HING LUNG STREET.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [87

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALLAARAT,"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1888. [1

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"PRINCIPIA,"

Captain Massam, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer will be at once landed and stored at the Kowloon Godowns at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 13th instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [96

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON,"

having arrived from the above ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [101

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT BANGKOK.

ON

SATURDAY, 11TH JANUARY.

THE CARGO EX SIAMESE SCHOONER

"KONGLEE,"

Consisting of the following WOOD:—
256 TEAK LOGS measuring 7,600 cubic feet.
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This Cargo is in good condition and has not suffered from submersion.

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JOHN ANDREW,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1888. [103

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All Contributors of Business in the above Two Companies participate in the Bonus whether Shareholders or not.

JOHN ANDREW,
Agent,
Office, 24, Queen's Road,
OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1888. [104

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 10th January, 1888, at 2 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising:—

CRETONNE COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE.

MARBLE TOP ROUND CENTRE TABLE, CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES, LAMPS, & WRITING TABLES.

Teakwood DINING TABLES, SIDEBOARD with ..., BREAKFAST SERVICES, GLASS & PLATED WARE.

IRON BEDSTEADS, Double Winged WARDROBES, WARDROBES with Plate Glass Doors, CHEST OF DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE with GLASS, and MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by L. ROMHILDT, Weimar.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1888. [102

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"YANGTSZE,"

Captain Th. W. Starling, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 7th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [97

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"BELLONA,"

Captain C. Haesloop, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at ELEVEN A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [98

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"WOOSUNG,"

Vardin, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [99

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI, AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"THIBET,"

will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1888. [1

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, TRIESTE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

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Cargo will be received on board until 10 A.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until NOON, on the day of sailing.

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For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1888. [1

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CHROMOS OF SWISS AND HOME SCENERY,
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A. S. WATSON & Co., LTD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1887. [124

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE No. 12.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 7TH, 1888.

THE Chinese petition against the Public Health Bill fairly sets out the Chinese objections to that measure. Exception may, however, be taken to the style in which it has been drafted. It is about time that the threadbare reference to Captain ELLIOTT'S proclamation was dropped. The petitioners say:—"When this Colony was founded, the Queen of England not only strove to treat Her subjects at home with gentleness, but kindly remembered those that were far from Her, and purposely sent out here Captain ELLIOTT and Mr. BREMNER, with Her instructions kindly to encourage the people to come to this Colony, and to do their utmost to make the new-comers comfortable. These two officials faithfully carried out Her intentions, and silently spread the beneficial influence of [illegible] 1841, the substance of which is, that all Chinese residents shall be protected, and their own customs and habits, as well as their notions of propriety, will be allowed to remain unchanged, and that within the threshold of their houses, no one will dare to interfere with them." The pledges here given have been fulfilled in the past and will be fulfilled in the future. All that the proclamation amounted to was a guarantee of good government with respect for native customs. It did not mean that there was to be no progress or change, nor did the phrase that within the threshold of their houses no one would dare to interfere with the Chinese residents mean that the jurisdiction of the Government was to be confined to the streets. To bring forward such a proclamation in connection with the Public Health Bill is calculated to make the petitioners look ridiculous, and so injure their cause. The oriental imagery of language introduced in some parts of the petition might also very well have been toned down, and the references to the "brotherly feeling" of the Secretary of State and the desire of the official members of Council to be "hard upon your petitioners" might with advantage have been omitted. However mistaken the action of the officials was, it was certainly not dictated by any desire to be hard upon the Chinese, nor do the Chinese think it was. The introduction of this phrase was no doubt an error on the part of the draughtsman, and the signers, thinking the draughtsman knew best what to say, signed without giving the text any very close scrutiny.

The first objection to the Bill raised by the petitioners is with reference to common lodging houses. It cannot, we think, be maintained that common lodging houses shall be exempt from regulation. The definition of such a house given in the Bill is "Any house or part thereof where persons are housed, not being members of the same family, at an amount not exceeding five cents a day or one dollar a month for each person." People who have to take lodgings on these terms are not in a position to pick and choose, and it is necessary that the places where they spend their nights should be subject to inspection, not only for their own protection, but the protection of the community, for lodging houses are very liable to become disseminators of infectious disease. What conditions the regulations should impose is of course another matter, but the principle of regulating common lodging houses is in itself unassailable. The next objections taken in the petition refer to the mode of electing the members of the Sanitary Board and appointing the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Board, matters about which we believe the Chinese with few exceptions are perfectly indifferent. We then come to the objection to the prohibition of letting waste water into the side channels. If only innoxious water were thrown into the side channels the objection would have some force, but it is important that the surface drains, not intended for the conveyance of sewage, should not be polluted by garbage and excretal matter, and it would be difficult to prevent this by any measure short of the prohibition contained in the Bill.

The objection to section 17 is one of the most forcible contained in the petition. The petitioners say that what the Chinese most hate is that strangers should come and disturb their private residences, and see their women folk; that Chinese women are inexperienced, illiterate, and of weak nerves; that the women would be alarmed if an inspecting officer came when there was no man at home; and, further, that robbers, thieves, and vagabonds would personate inspecting officers, pretend to inspect the houses, and take the opportunity to commit rape, robbery, or theft; and that even among the officers themselves, it is impossible to say that every one of them will not presume on his power, and take advantage of it to accomplish improper designs. The phrase quoted in the earlier part of the petition from Captain ELLIOTT'S proclamation as to the Chinese not being interfered with within the threshold of their houses was simply a rough translation of the saying that an Englishman's house is his castle, and that a Chinaman's would be the same. The doctrine is one which should be steadfastly maintained in its main lines. It is certain that in England wholesale powers of inspection of private houses would not be allowed the authorities, nor should they be here. Cases may occur where an inspection is desirable, but it should only be allowed where there is well founded suspicion of insanitary conditions, and attended by the same limitations and formalities as search warrants in criminal cases. It would be intolerable to any community, and more so to an oriental than a European community, to have inspectors penetrating into the private apartments of a house at all times and seasons.

On the subject of overcrowding the petitioners are naturally entirely opposed to the Bill. For our own part, we do not see how overcrowding can be prevented until additional house accommodation is provided. We are glad to hear that the Government intend to take one useful step towards opening up new building sites. Hitherto the system pursued in the disposal of crown lands has been to wait until there is an application for a particular lot, when it is put up to auction, but it is considered bad form for any one to bid against the applicant. Instead of waiting for applications a surveyor is to be appointed whose special duty it will be to parcel out lots suitable for building, which will be put up to auction as they are surveyed, and will become subject in fact as well as nominally to free competition. Under the new system it is expected a considerable amount of land will shortly come into the market. Even in the immediate neighbourhood of the town there are no doubt sites which have hitherto escaped the notice of land speculators, but will attract the attention of a professional man whose particular duty it will be to look for them. It is to measures like this, and more especially to schemes like the reclamation of the foreshore and of Causeway Bay, that we must look for relief from over-crowding, rather than to legislative enactments limiting the [illegible]. It is stated in the petition that although the rents of the houses at East and West Points are slightly lower than those in the centre of the town, these houses are too far from the place where the people do their business, and it is very hard and inconvenient for them to have to walk to and fro in the mornings and evenings. The Land Commission recommended that these districts should be rendered more accessible by the construction of tramways. Certain it is that East and West Points will in future have to be more extensively occupied than they have been. The relief which will be afforded to the central district by the proposed reclamation of the foreshore will be overtaken in a few years by the increase of the population, and unless the Eastern and Western districts be made use of the pressure will be as great as ever. The population is something over two hundred thousand. It is safe to predict that within twenty years, if not much sooner, it will be five hundred thousand. No argument is needed to demonstrate that five hundred thousand people cannot be accommodated in a space that is already overcrowded with two hundred thousand. And, moreover, the centre of the town will be occupied more and more every year by purely business premises, and accommodation for residential purposes will perforce have to be sought elsewhere. It is of no use talking about the hardship of this, for it is inevitable. And with the construction of tramways the hardship on the working classes of having to go to and from their work would not really be great, no greater relatively speaking than it is in London. To attempt, however, to turn people out of their houses by legislative enactment before there are facilities for locating them in the suburbs is altogether impracticable. While, therefore, we do not expect to see the centre of the town continue to be occupied for residence to the extent it has been in the past, as the Chinese apparently do, we entirely concur with them in their protest against the overcrowding clauses.

There are objections urged in the petition to several other sections, namely, those referring to the construction of down pipes, the conditions under which certain works are to be carried on, the connexion of the house drains with the main drains, etc. The objections have a good deal of force, but they refer mostly to matters of detail, and could be dealt with in the Bill which will doubtless be brought forward when the disallowance by Her Majesty of the present measure has been formally notified.

We note that the *Courrier d'Haiphong* has been enlarged.

From Manila papers we learn that the Albay volcano has recently been in a state of violent irruption.

We have reason to believe (says the *Rangoon Gazette*) that the work of delimitating the frontier between Burmah and China will not be commenced this year, and that no Commission for that purpose will be appointed for some time.

The *Penang Gazette* of the 23rd ult. says:—A few days ago a party of officers from the *Orion*, whilst proceeding in a steamer near Mr. Vermont's estate, Province Wellesley, shot an alligator 13 feet in length. Mr. Davids, the successful sportsman, "potted" it in the eye.

The Superintendent informs us that the P. & O. steamer *Ballaarat*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on Thursday for this port.

A telegram published in the Tonquin papers states that Rear-Admiral De la Jaille has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Division of Cochin-China.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the Shire Line steamer *Carmarthenshire*, from London, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port.

The Chinese ironclads *Ting Yuen* and *Ching Yuen* will, we learn, be docked in the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.'s new Admiralty dock at Kowloon, and the first will go in on Monday next.

The Manila *Comercio* says—"It has been rumoured during the past few days that the cruiser *Filipinas* is to be sold at Hongkong and that with the proceeds of the sale and some addition another vessel will be built which will fulfil the requirements."

The German frigate *Bismarck*, the corvette *Carola*, and the cruiser *Sophie*, forming the German cruising squadron in the Pacific, arrived here yesterday morning from Matupi, which place they left on the 21st ult. The *Bismarck* exchanged salutes with the port and with the *Audacious*, flagship of Admiral Sir Richard Hamilton.

A telegram was received in the colony yesterday stating that another fire had occurred in Foochow and that Messrs. Turner and Co.'s bungalow, used as a residence only, had been burned. The fire has been disastrous to Chinese property, but we understand that beyond the damage just mentioned, foreign property has suffered little.

Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, replying to an article in the *Economist*, sustains his contention that the main object of the annexation of Burmah was to tap the trade of China through the Shan States; that this is essential to the development of Burmah, and that we can neither develop Burmah nor secure Chinese trade and Chinese emigration by internal railways alone.

Professor J. B. Steere, of Unibrigan University, has arrived at Iloilo, and intends to study the fauna and flora of the Philippines, more particularly the birds of the island of Panay. He is accompanied by three pupils. Professor Steere visited the Philippines once before and presented to the Natural History Museum of his University forty new specimens of birds and reptiles.

A Calcutta telegram in the *Rangoon Gazette* dated the 12th ult., says:—Lieutenant Younghusband, of the King's Dragoon Guards, who accompanied Messrs. James and Fielforn on their trip to Manchuria, has just arrived in India having performed a far more remarkable journey. He has travelled from China to Cashmere overland across Mongolia, a journey which since the days of Marco Polo no European has accomplished.

There has been some trouble in Kinta, Perak, with Chinese Kongsees. The *Penang Gazette* says "the trouble is not yet over, though the ringleader, for whom a total reward of $2,500 was offered, has been caught. The Kongsees are in a state of ferment, which is difficult to suppress; only a few days ago several police officers were sharp enough to seize a large number of documents, bearing all the signs, &c. belonging to one of the principal secret societies, in a place where the Society's emissaries were about to begin recruiting. In several places the water supply of mines has been cut, and the police are constantly under arms, owing to the night alarms. The flogging at the commencement had a salutary effect, and the hanging of a dozen or two which is shortly to take place will probably keep up the moral effect."

At the Police Court yesterday a large number of cases of hawking without a licence and crying in prohibited districts were disposed of. The only case of any importance was that of Tam Achun, of no occupation, residing in No. 35, Bonham Strand, who was brought up before Mr. Wodehouse, on remand, on a charge of being in possession of about fifteen taels of prepared opium without being provided with a valid certificate from the Opium Farmer. Mr. Mossop appeared for the defence and Mr. Spooner, chief excise officer, prosecuted. The stantial sum of $1,000, with the alternative of six months in the gaol. A case of breach of gaol regulations was also disposed of. Chung Ang, a prisoner in the gaol, was fined $2 or fourteen days' hard labour for passing a ten-cent piece to another prisoner.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 21st ult. has an article complaining of the conduct of the Chinese cargo coolies in that port, who frequently indulge in rowdyism and then defy the Police, claiming to be British subjects. The *Times* says:—"Some months ago a serious attack of this kind was made on the steamer *Borneo*, and now we learn that last week the British steamer *Wyvern* had, in its turn, to stand a regular siege down at the Narason Rice Mill. A quarrel ensued—this time among the coolies themselves—and at a moment's notice firewood, coals, and crockery-ware filled the air. The cargo boatmen next charged the vessel to attack the coolies, and of course blood flowed freely, for fellows with three pronged forks, bamboos, sticks, and stones actually fought on deck for fully five minutes, eventually being driven off on to the pier. There they tore down the brickwork near at hand and using their paddy baskets as shields, again charged the steamer and the boatmen still on board, and ended by driving the latter over the side. The battle indeed must have been most sanguinary, and we entirely agree with the captain that such an occurrence was not 'provided for in the charter party,' nor would it be considered of 'no importance' in any other part of the world."

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SINGAPORE PAPERS.]

LONDON, 23rd December.

THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTIONS IN IRELAND.

A priest named Ryan has been given a month's imprisonment for inciting to withhold rents in Ireland.

THE HEALTH OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.

In regard to the Crown Prince's malady the inflammation is dwindling, and the throat shows other signs of improvement.

[FROM TONQUIN PAPERS.]

PARIS, 27th December.

THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

The papers are discussing the eventual dissolution of the Chamber.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB *v.* THE NAVY.

This match was commenced yesterday. The Club won the toss and went first to the wicket; they succeeded in compiling 250, of which Higginbotham contributed 50, Lloyd 83, Coxon 36, and Scanlan 20.

The Naval team then went in, but runs came slowly and wickets fell rapidly, six having fallen at gunfire for 30.

The following is the score:—

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

C. E. Higginbotham, 6th, c and b Sparrow	50
T. S. Smith, b Collins	17
Major Churchill, 5th, run out	10
A. de C. Scanlan c Sparrow, b Collins	20
A. A. Lloyd, c Spearman b Sparrow	83
J. C. Johnson, c and b Troughton	3
L. Burff, c Hickley, b Troughton	2
E. J. Coxon, l b w, b Sparrow	36
J. D. Saunders, c Spearman, b Collins	0
Ross Thompson, not out	17
E. O. Smith, b Bush	8
Extras	7
	250

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Wides.
Collins	90	73	—	3	—
Bush	80	5[illegible]	3	1	1
Troughton	70	77	1	2	—
Sparrow	80	42	7	3	1

The match will be continued to-day, commencing at 11.30 a.m. By kind permission of Admiral Sir Richard Hamilton, the Band of the *Audacious* will play on the ground during the afternoon. Tiffin will be provided on the ground at 1 p.m.

THE ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

The English community may this morning congratulate themselves on having scored a decided success with the Ball given last night at the City Hall. The Scottish residents having this year decided not to give a St. Andrew's Ball, the English at once determined that they would fill the vacancy and permit of their Caledonian "brithers" who have played the part of hosts on so many occasions attending this ball in the character of guests. The task before them was no easy one. St. Andrew's Balls have become a synonym for everything that a Ball should be, and it was of course therefore incumbent that a Ball given in the honour of the English patron saint should equal if not surpass that of St. Andrew. The idea directly it was mooted was taken up warmly. An influential committee was at once formed and subscriptions came in rapidly, and all who were present last night will agree that the greatest praise is due to all concerned for the giving of a Ball the like of which has certainly not been surpassed in Hongkong. The City Hall was most tastefully decorated for the occasion and certainly the Decoration Committee appeared to have spared neither time nor labour in this department. The sole decoration outside the hall was simple yet effective. It consisted of a representation of a shield with the St. George's cross upon it, the whole being formed of an arrangement of Chinese lanterns. The entrance hall and staircase presented a strikingly effective scene. On either side of the hall, round the pillars were grouped evergreens, while between the pillars were placed brass mortars. On each side of the staircase were placed pots of evergreens. The large windows and the whole wall facing the entrance door were covered from ceiling to floor in baise in alternate strips of red and blue. This formed the groundwork. In the centre was a large white shield bearing the St. George's Cross, while on either side were placed smaller shields bearing the three lions rampant, immense Union Jacks drooping over the whole, while above the large shield was placed an immense crown. Below the shields were placed stars and half-moons prettily formed by swords and daggers, while below on the landing were placed a number of evergreens, among which were arranged stacks of arms while in the centre brass-mortars peeping out from among the green leaves gave the necessary finishing touch to the whole. St. George's Hall presented a very brilliant appearance. The walls were decked with flags and shields, while round each of the half-pillars were placed boxes containing flowers from which sprung up a large bush completely hiding the gas brackets, the globes of which were covered to represent red roses. A large mirror at one end of the room facing the bandstand considerably heightened the effect of the scene. On either side of the mirror a bank of evergreens was arranged. Above this and covering the whole wall at that end of the room were placed two gigantic Royal Standards, while between the two, immediately over the mirror, was a large painting representing St. George in the act of slaying the Dragon. Suspended from the chandelier in the centre of the hall was a large bunch of mistletoe. To which member of the committee belongs the credit of this idea is not known, but no gentleman was observed to avail himself during the evening of the opportunity so thoughtfully provided. St. Andrew's Hall and the anti-room were decorated with a few exceptions similarly to St. George's Hall. In St. Andrew's Hall, in place of the mirror at one end, appeared the portrait of the Duke of Edinburgh draped in the Royal Standard and on either side against the wall were spears arranged in the shape of a fan. The room used formed by the help of flags and evergreens and was used as a refreshment room. The verandahs gaily lighted with Chinese lanterns and adorned with banners formed cool and pleasant retiring-rooms, while in one verandah at the back of St. George's Hall, by the assistance of coloured matting a number of little alcoves were formed, in each of which were placed two seats. It seems probable that this idea emanated from the same mind as the one which conceived that of suspending mistletoe in St. George's Hall. If so it must have been gratifying to him to observe that his genius was appreciated. The Dress Circle and floor of the Theatre, prettily decorated with flowers and flags, served as supper rooms, the Governor's table being placed in the centre dress circle opposite to the stage. The Library of the City Hall made a commodious card and smoking room.

His Excellency Sir William des Vœux led off the first quadrille with Mrs. Ackroyd, having for *vis-à-vis* Hon. E. J. Ackroyd and Miss Cameron.

The following is the programme:—

Quadrille	St. George.
Valse	Estudiantina.
Galop	Queen Victoria.
Lancers	Mikado.
Valse	My Queen.
Polka	Drink Pappy, Drink.
Valse	Cloisters.
Lancers	Pirates of Penzance.
Valse	Myosotis.
Polka	Black and Tan.
Sir Rodger de Coverly	
Lancers	Merry England.
Valse	Thine Alone.
Polka	P. & O.
Valse	Sweethearts.
Lancers	Indiana.
Valse	Bid me good bye.
Galop	John Peel.
Polka	Bric a Brac.
Valse	The Bells.
Sir Roger de Coverly	

The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment under Mr. Moran provided the music in their well known style.

The following was the General Committee for carrying out arrangements:—Hon. E. J. Ackroyd, Dr. P. B. C. Ayres, ~~Major Blandy~~, R.A.; Mr. C. D. Bottomley, ~~Mr. J. S. Brewer~~, ~~Lt.-Col. Cook~~, Hon. W. M. Deane, Mr. V. H. Deacon, ~~Major Davies, Major Ellis~~, Mr. C. Ford, Mr. J. Grant, Mr. G. T. Hopkins, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. H. J. Holmes, Mr. A. B. Johnson, Mr. Douglas Jones, Dep. Surgeon-General Lewer, Mr. B. Layton, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Mr. F. A. Morgan, Mr. J. A. Moseley, Hon. J. M. Price, Commander Rumsey, R.N.; Mr. E. W. Rutter, Col. Storer, Commander Smythies, R.N.; Major Stevens, Hon. H. G. Thomsett, Major Tripp, H. M. Thomsett, Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon, Mr. E. L. Woodin, and Mr. Alf. Woolley.

From this General Committee the following Sub-committees were formed:—

Decoration Committee:—Messrs R. K. Leigh, C. Ford, Major Stevens, Commander Smythies R.N.; and Commander Rumsey, R.N.

Invitation Committee:—Messrs. J. Grant, C. D. Bottomley, and Major Davies.

Supper and Refreshment Committee:—Mr. E. L. Woodin, Major Tripp, J. Y. V. Vernon and B. Layton.

Ladies' Room—Dr. P. B. C. Ayres. Card and Cloak Room—Hon. W. M. Deane.

Treasurer:—Mr. H. M. Thomsett. Secretary:—Mr. Alf. Woolley.

As secretary of the German Consulate in Morocco, Dr. Horowitz had good opportunities of making himself acquainted with men and manners in the country. In his book recently published he has something to suit everybody—politician, ethnologist, geographer, and student of folk-lore. He contrives to say something interesting about Morocco from local maladministration to fashionable dinner parties—from the much-married Muley Ismael (he had 8,000 wives and left 1,200 children) to the wild nomad Jews of the interior.

SUPREME COURT.

6th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. J. LEACH, ACTING PUISNE JUDGE.

PUN ACHUN *v.* GARFIT.

This was a claim for $5.33 by plaintiff, a chair coolie in the employ of defendant, for wages due.

The defence was that plaintiff had refused to obey the lawful orders of his employer who held that by thus breaking his contract he had forfeited the wages originally due to him.

His Lordship said that defendant would be entitled to succeed if he could prove that no misunderstanding had existed.

Plaintiff said he was employed by defendant at $7 per month. On the 13th December last he left defendant's house about 10.30 p.m. and went to Taipingshan, to sleep. About 11 p.m. one of the other chair coolies came for him and told him he was to come back and wash the floor. He went back and did so and defendant who was asleep at the time did not know that he had come back. The next morning defendant spoke to him and told him as he had not washed the floor he could leave. He told him he had done so and asked for his wages, which defendant refused to give him.

By defendant—It was not a floor in the house that I had to wash. It was the yard drain.

Pun Akwai, a chair coolie in the employ of the defendant, said it was he who went and fetched the plaintiff from Taipingshan. Defendant ordered him and some of the other coolies to get some water and wash out the drain. Plaintiff was dismissed because he left the premises. There was no order as to where they were to sleep.

By defendant—You did not order me to fetch plaintiff.

At this point, at the request of the defendant, the case was adjourned till this morning at half-past ten o'clock.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

5th January.

You have already heard of the serious case of cutting and wounding at Dr. Roza's residence; the following are the details:—It appears that on the morning of the 2nd instant Dr. Roza had occasion to reprimand his cook (who had been in his employ for seven years) for not having prepared his morning tea properly. During the Doctor's absence shortly afterwards the cook, fretful at the scolding, found a pretext to have some words with the "boy," and in the heat of the dispute took hold of a chopper and inflicted a severe cut on the boy's head and another in the wrist, almost severing the hand. The boy cried out for help, and a maid servant, named Maria, ran down to see what it was and to stop the noise, when the cook left hold of the boy and went up to Maria at whom he discharged three heavy blows with the chopper making three ugly gashes in the head—one on each side above the ears and the other at the back of the head—another at the back of the neck, and three smaller cuts in the left hand. The larger wounds were about three inches wide. Of the wounds in the hand, one would have cut off her finger but for a gold ring which she wore, which resisted the steel, an indentation being made on it. This took place about 11 a.m., and the noise occasioned brought Messrs. Senna Fernandes and Guedes, who live a few doors from Dr. Roza's. They remained in attendance until the arrival of medical assistance and the Police. Maria was immediately attended to by Drs. Gomes da Silva and Tovar de Lemos, who stitched the wounds with pins, whilst the boy was attended by a Chinese doctor, he having refused the services of the Europeans being afraid after seeing the operations performed upon Maria, who was all the time unconscious owing to [illegible] praise for the prompt and able manner in which they attended to the victim, who is now reported to be doing well. The boy is also said to be progressing favourably. The would-be murderer is in the custody of the Police. He was so excited that, nothing daunted by the presence of the constables, he continued to strike Maria until he was secured.

A *soirée* was given by H. E. the Governor and Sra. Costa at Government House last night, at which a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen were present. The entertainment commenced with an amateur concert under the direction of Dr. Gomes da Silva and the following programme was gone through in an artistic manner by the respective performers:—

1a. PARTE.

A Guarda Do Rei de Siam, ouvertura (orchestra)	G. S.
Dinorah, berceuse (soprano)	Meyerbeer.
Rio Lima, valsa (orchestra)	G. S.
I Puritani, duetto (soprano e tenor—côro)	Bellini.

2a. PARTE.

Amelia, valsa (orchestra)	G. S.
Ernani, aria (soprano)	Verdi.
Fausto, duetto (soprano e tenor)	Gounod.
Roi De Lahore, aria (basso)	Massenet.
Lucia De Lamermoor, concertante	Donizetti.

The concert over, dancing was indulged in and kept up with spirit till after two o'clock this morning. H. E. Sr. Roza was among the guests.

The ball in honour of Sr. Roza has also been subscribed for by the Chinese, the Opium Farmer heading the Chinese list with $500. It is said that the Committee intend presenting Sr. Roza with a substantial *souvenir*, as the amount of subscription far exceeds the estimate of the intended Ball to be given on Sunday night.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are taken from the *Rangoon Gazette*:—

THE SUGAR BOUNTIES CONFERENCE.

LONDON, 14th December.

The International Conference that met to deliberate on the Sugar Bounties Question has just finished the discussion on the report of the sub-Committee charged to consider the technical questions. In their report the members of the Conference are of opinion that it is quite possible to arrange the fiscal difficulty touching the refining of sugar in bond, and recommend that the tax be levied on the refined article as it goes into consumption. The report has been referred to the Cabinets of the various countries represented at the Conference, and it is hoped an agreement may be come to in the matter.

LONDON, 15th December.

The International Sugar Bounties Conference, in recording their approval of the report of the Sub-Committee, advocates the adoption of reprisals against such states as will not join the Convention; Britain, however, for her part refuses to impose countervailing duties. The Conference having referred the whole question to the Cabinets of their respective Governments will adjourn till Spring.

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, 11th December.

The Fisheries Commission has been adjourned over the holidays until the 4th January.

CHICAGO, 13th December.

Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian representative on the Anglo-American Fisheries Commission, was interviewed here to-day, while on his way to Manitoba. He declared the Commission to be able to effect a settlement of the question satisfactory to all parties.

THE HEALTH OF PRINCE BISMARCK.

BERLIN, 11th December.

Prince Bismarck had a sudden attack of illness to-day but speedily recovered; his medical advisers insist on entire and complete rest for a time.

AUSTRO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

VIENNA, 14th December.

The Semi-official *Fremdenblatt*, in a leading article published to-day, says that the relations at present existing between Austria and Russia are excellent, but that the military situation on the frontier remains unchanged, and demands the utmost vigilance on the part of Austria to prevent a surprise.

A FRENCH PRINCE TO JOIN THE BRITISH INDIAN ARMY.

BOMBAY, 14th December.

The London correspondent of the *Times of India* telegraphs that the Duc d'Orleans, the eldest son of the Comte de Paris, proceeds immediately to India. He is to be attached temporarily to a British Infantry regiment, but will afterwards be appointed to the staff of General Roberts, with a view to acquiring military experience.

DEFALCATIONS IN AN INDIAN BANK.

BOMBAY, 9th December.

The *Bombay Gazette* hears that serious defalcations, amounting to close upon a lakh of rupees, have been discovered in the Kurrachee Branch of the Bank of Bombay, and Mr. J. W. Slight, one of the auditors, is thoroughly investigating the matter. Meanwhile some suspensions are reported to have been made.

BOMBAY, 10th December.

It has been ascertained that the actual amount of the defalcations in the Kurrachee Branch of the Bank of Bombay, is Rs. 75,000. Mr. Grant, the local Manager, is suspected of being concerned in the fraud, and the Board of Directors have ordered him to be prosecuted. The defalcations have occurred in the reserve balance.

CALCUTTA, 12th December.

The Bombay Bank frauds at Kurrachee amount to rupees 75,000; of this, however, about rupees 50,000 will be recovered by the Fidelity Guarantee fund. The frauds have been from the reserve and have been committed within the past year. Mr. James Grant, the Agent, is a very old and most popular tenant of the Bank and has conducted the business in Sind for several years. Pending an enquiry he has been suspended.

FIRE IN A BOMBAY COTTON MILL.

BOMBAY, 10th December.

A fire in the Framjee Petit Mills has destroyed the reeling and bundling rooms. The damage done is estimated at three lakhs and a half of rupees, which is fully covered by insurance.

DACOITY IN BURMAH.

YENANGYOUNG, 12th December.

The Minbu district is now being scoured in every direction by three columns, there being Cavalry or Mounted Infantry with each. The river is closely watched and the troops in the Thayetmyo district are on the alert. It is hoped that Ottama will shortly be accounted for. Numerous arrests of his followers are already being made in Pakhangyi. The Shwegyobyn Prince is being energetically hunted. Small bodies of his followers have been met and defeated. The Chief Commissioner is now proceeding to Popa to determine on the best means of governing that part of the country; he will go to Myingyan on the 18th.

MANDALAY, 13th December.

Inspector Rind was shot yesterday when attacking dacoits in Ava district. The body was brought into Ngazun.

The description of a Kamschatkan ball by a recent traveller is, like the fishy odour imputed by the author to the ladies who graced it, racy, but rather strong. In one stage of the country dance the order was given to "kiss partners." "I turned a despairing glance on my partner, and my heart sank within me. All hope was gone."

In the life of Darwin just published there is a pleasant anecdote of Darwin and his father. Darwin says, "I had been rather extravagant at Cambridge, and to console my father I said that I should be deuced clever to spend more than my allowance while on board the *Beagle*." His father answered with a smile, "But they tell me you *are* very clever." The father found that he had made a very true observation; for when the *Beagle* returned he was assured that his son would take a place among the leading scientific men of his time. Darwin's career as a naturalist was very nearly cut short by the captain of the *Beagle*, who, being a disciple of Lavater, could not believe that any young man "with such a nose" could have energy and determination enough for the post of naturalist to the *Beagle* expedition.

The following are the rules of a club in a small Russian town in the Tcherni T district:—1. It is prohibited to enter the club with greased boots. 2. Tradesmen are not allowed to enter the club in their working clothes, which exhale the disagreeable odour of fish, grease, or leather. 3. A dress-coat must be worn at all New Year's or Easter dances. Anyone appearing in a velvet waistcoat or a green necktie is fined one rouble. The fines cover the expenses for the band. 4. The members are specially requested not to use the window curtains as pocket handkerchiefs. Offenders of this sort will be expelled from the club. 5. During dances members smoking in the ladies' room will be fined 25 copecks, the fines to be expended in toilet powder and eau-de-Cologne for the ladies. 6. During quadrilles flirting is prohibited, and no one is allowed to step over the borders of decency. 7. It is strictly prohibited to get indecently drunk, as has happened before now. 8. It is prohibited to strike a partner in the face. 9. In case of disagreement at billiards it is strictly prohibited to hit a partner with a cue.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 6th January.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 3/1¼
Bank Bills, on demand ... 3/1¼
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 3/1¼
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 3/1½
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 3/2¼
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 3/2¼

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 3.93
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 4.03

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 76
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 77¼

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 220½
Bank, on demand ... 221

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 220½
Bank, on demand ... 221

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight ... 72
Private, 30 days' sight ... 72¾

SHARES.

Quotations are:—

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—155 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—$87½ per share, ex div.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$65 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 250 per share.

Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 105 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—$215 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—$75 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$380 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$77 per share, sellers.

Straits Marine Insurance Company, Limited—$31 nom.

Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited—$18.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—55 per cent. prem., sales.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—$115 per cent. prem., sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—15 per cent. discount, sales.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—$48 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$125 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$195 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$155 per share, sales.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$50 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—$54 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$110 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—$20 per share.

Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Company, Limited—$11¼ per share, sales.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 18 per share.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—$47 per share.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—65 per cent. premium, ex div.

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited—38 per cent. prem.

Singapore Insurance Company, Limited—$21 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—7½ per cent. premium, nom.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—8½ per cent. premium, nom.

Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E—9 per cent. premium, nom.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

January 5th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	30.28
Barometer—1 P.M.	30.21
Barometer—4 P.M.	30.18
Thermometer—9 A.M.	61
Thermometer—1 P.M.	68
Thermometer—4 P.M.	66
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	52
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	56
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	56
Thermometer—Maximum	69
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	60

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

5th January, 1888, at 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	29.[illegible]6	15		NW	8	b	—
Tokio	[illegible]57		—	E	0	—	—
Nagasaki	30.27	—	—	NW	3	—	0.02
Shanghai	30.27	6[illegible]	50	SW	3	b	—
Amoy	30.29	65	73	NE	3	b	—
Hongkong	30.2[illegible]	64	[illegible]	ENE	4	b	—
Haiphong	30.21	71	63	NW	1	b	—
Bolinao	30.0[illegible]	79	—	NNE	2	b	—
Manila	29.90	81	74	NW	1	—	—

6th January, 1888, at 10 A.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	29.50	7	100	NW	1	os	0.08
Tokio	30.[illegible]8	—	—	E	4	—	—
Nagasaki	30.26	—	—	SW	[illegible]	—	—
Shanghai	30.41	46	76	SSW	1	—	—
Amoy	30.[illegible]3	62	91	WSW	4	b	—
Hongkong	30.31	6[illegible]	90	ENE	2	b	—
Haiphong	30.24	[illegible]	53	—	0	b	—
Bolinao	30.08	77	—	ENE	3	b	—
Manila	30.0[illegible]	78	75	W	1	c	—

The Barometer has fallen and gradients are steep for E.N.E. winds over the China Sea. The weather is fine, cold, and dry.

W. DOBERCK.

Hongkong Observatory, 6th January, 1888.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Previous day, at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.23	30.31	30.19
Temperature	63	61	65
Humidity	5[illegible]	30	39
Direction of wind	E.N.E.	E.S.E.	E.S.E.
Force of wind	4	2	2
Weather	b.	b.	b.
Rain	—	—	—

1.—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit at the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2.—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3.—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4.—DIRECTION OF THE WIND in two points.
5.—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6.—STATE OF THE WEATHER; B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).
7.—RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. DOBERCK.

Hongkong Observatory, 6th January, 1888.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Under the above heading the *Doncaster Reporter* of July 6th, 1887, publishes the following in its editorial columns—

Our readers may recall the circumstance of a young clerk, named Arthur Richold, falling insensible on the Wheatley Lane in this town some time ago, and being picked up, as he continued perfectly helpless, and taken in a cab by two gentlemen to the office of F. W. Fisher, Esq., the solicitor who employed him. On restoring him to consciousness it was ascertained that he was afflicted with what seemed to be an incurable disease. When he was able to speak he said he had been to his dinner and was on his way back to his work, when suddenly his head was in a whirl and he fell in the street like a man who is knocked down. On coming to his senses in the solicitor's office he thought what this might mean, and feared he was going to have a fit of illness, which we all know is a very dreadful thing for a poor man with a family to care for.

With this in his mind he at once sought the best medical advice, telling the doctors how he had been attacked. They questioned him, and found that his present malady was exhaustion of the nervous system resulting from general debility, indigestion, and dyspepsia of a chronic nature. This in turn had been caused by confinement to his desk and grief at the loss of dear friends by death. The coming on of this strange disease, as described by Mr. Richold, must be of interest both to sick and well. He had noticed for several years previously, in fact, that his eyes and face began to have a yellow look; there was a sticky and unpleasant slime on the gums and teeth in the morning; the tongue coated; and the bowels so bound and costive that it induced that most painful and troublesome ailment—the piles. He says there was some pain in the sides and back and a sense of fulness on the right side as though the liver were enlarging, which proved to be the terrible fact. The secretions from the kidneys would be scanty and high-coloured, with a kind of gritty or sandy deposit after standing.

These things had troubled Mr. Richold a long time, and after his fall in the street he clearly perceived that the fit of giddiness was nothing more than a sign of the steady and deadly advance of the complaint, which began in indigestion and dyspepsia. His story of how he went from one physician to another in search of a cure that his wife and little ones might not come to want is very pathetic and touching. Finally he became too ill to keep his situation and had to give it up. This was a sad calamity. He was appalled to think how he should be able to live. But God raised up friends who helped to keep the wolf from the door. He then went to the seaside at Walton-on-the-Naze, but neither the change, nor the physicians who treated him there, did any good. All being without avail he visited London, with a sort of vague hope that some advantage might happen to him in the metropolis. This was in October, 1885.

How wonderful, indeed, are the ways of Providence, which dashes down our highest hopes and then helps us when we least expect it.

While in London he stated his condition to a friend, who strongly advised him to try a medicine which he called *Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup*, saying it was genuine and honest, and often cured when everything else had failed. He bought a bottle of a chemist in Pimlico, and began using it according to the directions. He did this without faith or hope, and the public may, therefore, judge of his surprise and pleasure when after taking a few doses he felt great relief. He could eat better; his food distressed him less; the symptoms we have named abated; the dark spots which had floated before his eyes like smuts of soot, gradually disappeared, and his strength increased. Before this time his knees would knock together whenever he tried to walk. So encouraged was he now that he kept on using *Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup* until it ended in completely curing him.

In speaking of his wonderful recovery, Mr. Richold says it made him think of poor Robinson Crusoe, and his deliverance from captivity on his island in the sea; and added, "But for Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup the grass would now be growing over my grave."

Our readers can rest assured of the strict truth of all the statements in this most remarkable case, as Mr. Richold (now residing at Swiss Cottage, Walton-on-the-Naze) belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families in the beautiful village of Long Melford, Suffolk, and his personal character is attested by so high an authority as the Rev. C. J. Martyn, rector of that parish, besides other excellent names. We have deemed the case of such importance to the public as to justify us in giving this short account of it in our columns. [3—2302

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6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
8.00 "	8.30 "	7.30 "	8.00 "
8.30 "	9.00 "	9.00 "	10.15 "
9.40 "	*10.15 "	10.30 "	10.45 "
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12.45 P.M.	1.00 "	12.30 P.M.	1.00 P.M.
1.30 "	2.00 "	1.30 "	2.00 "
2.30 "	3.00 "	2.30 "	3.00 "
3.30 "	4.00 "	3.30 "	4.00 "
4.15 "	4.30 "	4.15 "	4.30 "
4.50 "	5.10 "	4.50 "	5.10 "
5.25 "	5.40 "	5.25 "	5.40 "
6.00 "	6.15 "	6.00 "	6.15 "
6.30 "	6.45 "	6.30 "	6.45 "
7.00 "		7.00 "	

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WOO LIN YUEN,
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HEAD OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [1782

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O. BACHRACH,
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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1888. [5

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1888. [93

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1887. [2

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1887. [4

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C. D. HARMAN Agent.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1887. [3

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Yangtse*, with the French mail of the 2nd ultimo, left Saigon at 6 p.m. on the 4th, and may be expected here on or about the 7th instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 25th October.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Taisang*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 31st ult., and is due here on the 7th instant.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Ballaarat*, with the English mail of the 9th ultimo, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 5th and may be expected here on or about the 10th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the American mail of the 10th December, left Yokohama on the 3rd, and is due here on or about the 9th January.

The O. & O. steamer *San Pablo*, with the American mail of the 21st December, left San Francisco on that date, and may be expected here on or about the 20th instant.

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The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Agamemnon* left Singapore on the 29th December, and is due here on the 7th January.

The N. G. I. steamer *Bisagno* left Singapore on the 1st, and is due here on the 8th instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Elektra* left Singapore on the morning of the 2nd and is due here on the 8th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Titan* left Singapore on the 5th, and is due here on the 12th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Carmarthenshire* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 6th, and is due here on or about the 14th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

When Correspondence has been mis-sent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* ——, or *Received at 7 p.m.*, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster-General. This should be acted on the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

The Postal Guide for 1887, revised to date will be found in the *Daily Press* Directory, p. 385 large edition, p. 701 small edition. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one issued twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Shanghai.—Per *Glaucus*, to-day, the 7th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *China*, to-day, the 7th inst., at 1.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Jhyuen*, to-day, the 7th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Fokien*, to-day, the 7th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Chinkiang*, to-day, the 7th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Ashington*, to-morrow, the 8th inst., at 9.00 A.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Lydia*, to-morrow, the 8th inst., at 9.00 A.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Belgic*, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at [illegible] P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Taisang*, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—*Thibet*, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Ava* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th January, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, (*via* Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, &c., and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the Contract Packet:—

Day of Departure.

NOON.—Money Order Office closes.
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all-printed matter and patterns ceases.
3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAILS.

Day before Departure.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

Day of Departure.

7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
10.30 A.M., Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

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(2.) To other places not beyond Great Britain, such as India, Malta, &c., the postage is 2 cents (one penny).

(3.) The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Private and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

(4.) The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent even with the ends open.

(5.)—If *from* a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c. in full. If *to* a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

(6). Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers.

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